

to what happens then. And if the DEC only has two people to review those plans, I would guess you have got two, or three, or four, or five years time to play around while you decide what to do with those plans. If they are not acceptable, there is no penalty for not having presented an acceptable plan. At least now we know where we are at. Senator Whitney must be smiling, wherever he is at, because he has found today the people who profess to be staunch defenders of the environment, who have said, in effect, good old Ramey was right. He knew what he was talking about. These communities can't possibly take care of this problem. So then Senator Morrissey comes up with an amendment, which, Senator, in all generosity and courtesy, has got to be considered as nothing. You have given no sense of direction to the cities and villages and you have, in effect, extended for two years and ten months time in which cities and villages can say, nuts with it, we will just continue business as usual. I did a little survey of the second class cities and villages in my district after the committee hearing. At the present time, the vote was two to one in favor of LB 67. Now that is not percentages, that is total numbers of people who responded. Two wrote back and said we favor 67; one said, no, we don't, it will cost too much money. I also surveyed the county boards and they, basically, support the bill. It is kind of interesting. A bill which does not create any more excitement than that probably could go across the board as it was introduced, be passed, give some sense of direction to DEC, and to the cities and counties and villages, and would proceed.

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: I suspect there is more reason to the amendment than we see on the surface. There is another bill introduced by two, Senator Morrissey and another colleague, which would outlaw the private ownership of landfills. I would expect that perhaps this amendment is an attempt to stall for time so the cities and villages can get their act together and, thereby, perhaps preclude private individuals from establishing landfills and taking care of a problem at no cost to the taxpayer through tax revenue. I would oppose the motion by Senator Nelson. I still support the Lamb amendment, but in all courtesy, you ought to bury the corpse and give it a decent, honest burial and get on with something else.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Schmit. I will now recognize Senator Morrissey, followed by Senator Rod Johnson,